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## Viewing cable 09BRUSSELS30, EUROPEAN COMMISSION SUSPENDS AID TO NICARAGUAN

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09BRUSSELS30**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">09BRUSSELS30</a>	<a href="#">2009-01-09 16:40</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">USEU Brussels</a>

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Classified By: Deputy PolCouns Mary Curtin for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) On January 9, PolOff delivered reftel points to Petros Mavromichalis, head of the Mexico and Central America unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for External Relations. Mavromichalis echoed U.S. concerns about the Government of Nicaragua's backsliding on democracy. When the EU dispatched observers to the last Nicaraguan presidential elections, the observers noted that those elections were generally free and fair. However, the GON did not take the EU's advice on implementing further election reforms at that time, and has since shown an increasing willingness to crack down on the political opposition and civil society. The fraudulent municipal elections in November 2008 were the latest example of Nicaragua's backsliding. The Commissioner for External Relations, Benita Ferrero-Waldner has twice written to the Nicaraguan Government to express her concerns. In the wake of the November 2008 municipal elections, Ferrero-Waldner informed the Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Commission would suspend its budgetary support to the GON as of January 1, 2009. Mavromichalis estimated that the suspended funds totaled about 60 million euros, though he admitted that this figure is not exact. The Commission has made clear that the suspension of aid is connected directly to the fraudulent elections, though the Nicaraguan reaction reportedly was dismissive of the Commission's action. The Commission is considering reallocating the funds to support local programming for the Nicaraguan people, programs for the Central America region, or aid to civil society through NGOs, although no decisions have been made.

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